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Senate

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARTIN HEINRICH, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:
Let us pray.

Eternal God, Your kingdom will never end. Abide with our Senators and may they find favor with You. Lord, remind them that because of Your omnipotence, nothing is impossible for You. May their reverence for You provide them this day with a foundation of wisdom that will enable people everywhere to live in peace, untroubled by

fear of harm. Teach our lawmakers to treasure Your commands, to walk with integrity, and to do what is right, just, and fair. May their relationship with You be like the first light of dawn, which shines even brighter until the full light of day.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 11, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARTIN HEINRICH, a

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